

THE 'WOW' FACTOR

Member Stan Robinson explains why his latest model has the 'Wow' factor.

I call my model 'Wow' because that's the reaction I always get when pals see it for the first time. Although it's basically a combat wing in design its proportions would frighten a true combat flyer to death – 65" span, 877.5 square inches wing area and a massive 52 ozs in weight, much of which is due to the 20 oz engine/prop combination and need to counterbalance the rather unusual undercarriage. Power is from an RCV 58 four-stroke (*the one with the unique rotating cylinder valve engine technology – Editor*) spinning a 12" x 8" prop.

Vertical eights, cloverleaf's below 45°, no problem! Very, very smooth and stable with no sign of twitchiness at all. A robust undercarriage is necessary as the model is way too big to even consider hand launching, but surprisingly good take-offs can be achieved with this somewhat unusual undercarriage arrangement.



What a monster when compared to Stan who stands 6' - 4" tall!



I was very active in Team Race, Combat and Aerobatics between 1951 and 1962, then had a lay-off and came back again in 2002. Flying the 'Wow' takes years of my age and my wife tells me I'm like a big kid with a new toy when I come home!